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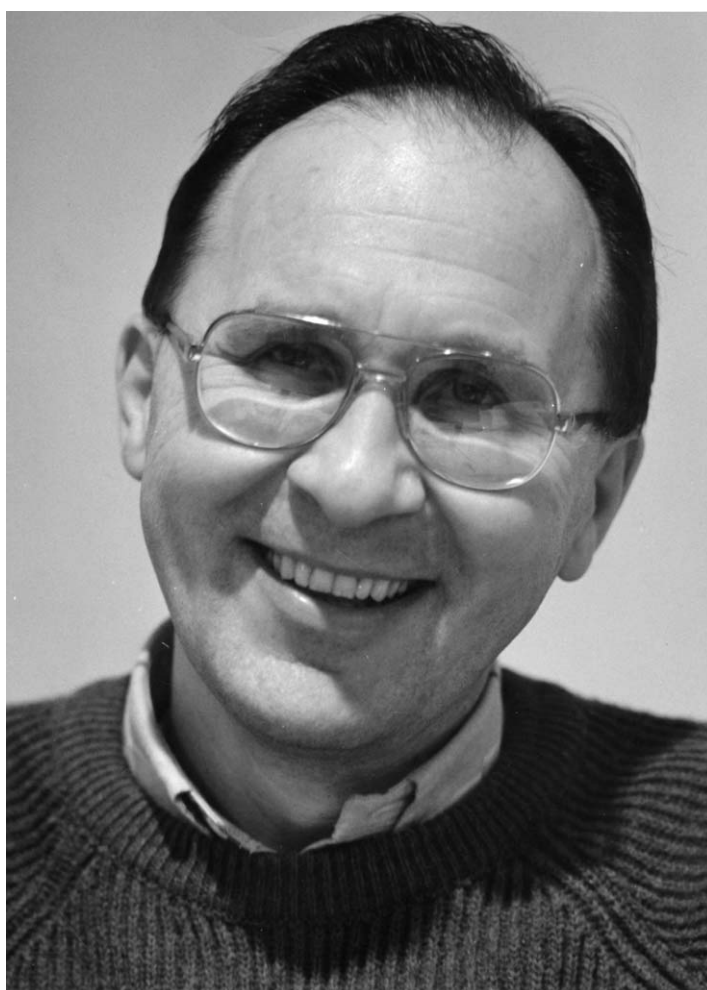
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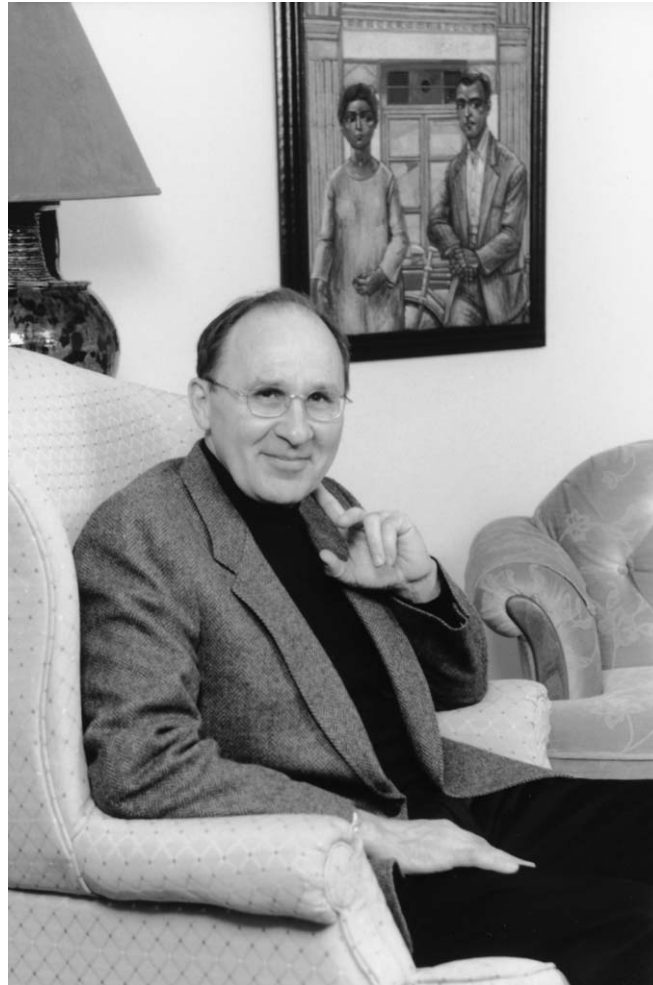
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Editorial



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This special issue of *Topology and Its Application* is to celebrate the work of Professor Edward D. Tymchatyn and his influence in topological circles, on the occasion of his 60th Birthday. It contains the proceedings of the conference held in his honor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham in February 2003, organized by Lex G. Oversteegen and John C. Mayer.

Prof. E.D. Tymchatyn obtained his Ph.D. in 1968 from the University of Oregon under the supervision of Prof. L.E. Ward. Since then he has been at the University of Saskatchewan. He has made many significant contributions to Continuum Theory and General Topology. His work extends to almost all the other subdisciplines of Topology and to related fields. Over the years, many topologists visited him at the University of Saskatchewan. He sponsored numerous post-doctoral fellows. He established productive collaborations widely. Tymchatyn continues to produce mathematics of highest caliber.

The two day conference was attended by mathematicians whose work has been influenced by him as well as by others who have known him personally. There were two one-hour plenary talks, one by T. Ingram on the history of continuum theory and the other one by J. Prajs on current problems of continuum theory. There were short presentations by others on continuum theory and related fields.

As the guest editor, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who contributed to this special issue. I would also like to thank K. Kuperberg for her assistance in the preparation of this special issue. Lastly, as a student and collaborator, I extend my appreciation and thanks to Professor Tymchatyn for his extraordinary enthusiasm and dedication. His influence is pervasive and his support for other topologist is tremendously appreciated.

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